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MANDATE TO FOSTER AND PROMOTE THE FOREIGN COMMERCE OF THE
UNITED STATES.

FOLLOWING MESSAGE TRANSMITTED BEHALF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
DENT.

1. AS I PREPARE TO RELINQUISH MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, I WISH TO COMMEND YOU FOR THE
EXEMPLARY JOB WHICH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AT YOUR POST
IN FURTHERING THE WORLDWIDE COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMIC
INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN GENERAL, AND THE PROGRAMS
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, IN PARTICULAR.

2. IN MY EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH BUSINESSMEN, BOTH
HERE AND ABROAD, I HAVE RECEIVED, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS,
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HIGHLY COMPLIMENTARY COMMENTS CONCERNING THE QUALITY OF

THE SUPPORT RENDERED BY THE US FOREIGN SERVICE AND COMMERCE
EMPLOYEES ABROAD. IN MY OWN EXPERIENCE, SELDOM HAS THAT
SUPPORT BEEN FOUND WANTING, EITHER IN EXTENT OR IN
ENTHUSIASM.

3. WE SHALL CONTINUE TO COUNT ON EACH OF YOU, PERHAPS
MORE SO NOW THAN EVER BEFORE, FOR YOUR UNTIRING EFFORTS
TO FOSTER AND PROMOTE THE FOREIGN COMMERCE OF THE UNITED
STATES. IN THIS REGARD, I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO
WORK WITH YOU IN COMMERCIAL MATTERS AS I ASSUME MY NEW
POST OF THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE. INGERSOLL

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